

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A cooler comprising:
a sidewall portion including an outer layer and an inner layer
~~quilted~~ with intersecting vertical and horizontal seals to form a plurality of gel
pockets; and
gel disposed in the plurality of gel pockets, wherein the cooler is
foldable along regions between the gel pockets.
2. (Withdrawn) The cooler of claim 1 wherein the gel is a saline
solution.
3. (Currently Amended) The cooler of claim 1 wherein ~~quilting the~~
intersecting vertical and horizontal seals of the outer layer and the inner layer
results in a polygonal shape.
4. (Withdrawn) The cooler of claim 1 wherein quilting the outer
layer and the inner layer results in a circular shape.
5. (Currently Amended) The cooler of claim 1 further comprising:
a lid including an outer layer and an inner layer ~~quilted~~ with
intersecting vertical and horizontal seals to form a plurality of gel pockets.
6. (Original) The cooler of claim 5 wherein the lid is sealably
connected to the sidewalls.
7. (Previously Presented) The cooler of claim 6 wherein the
connection is selected from the group consisting of a zipper, ~~Velcro~~,
VELCRO, magnets, clips, and snaps.

8. (Currently Amended) The cooler of claim 1 further comprising:
a bottom including an outer layer and an inner layer ~~quilted~~ with intersecting vertical and horizontal seals to form a plurality of gel pockets.

9. (Original) The cooler of claim 8 wherein the bottom is fixedly attached to the sidewall.

10. (Original) The cooler of claim 8 wherein the bottom is attached to the sidewall with a method selected from stitching and hot sealing.

11. (Original) The cooler of claim 9 further comprising:
a bottom flap foldable attached to a seam between the bottom and the sidewall.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for constructing a cooler, the method comprising:

providing an inner wall and an outer wall;

creating a plurality of pouches with the inner and outer walls;

partially filling the pouch with a gel;

creating a first set of gel filled portion by sealing the partially filled pouches to contain the gel;

adding additional gel to the pouches; and

creating a second set of gel filled portions by sealing the partially filled pouches to contain the additional gel.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
Creating an additional predetermined number of gel filled portions.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of creating additional gel filled portions until the pouch is filled with gel.

15. (Previously Presented) The cooler of claim 1 wherein the inner layer is a temperature resistant plastic.

16. (Previously Presented) The cooler of claim 1 wherein the foldable regions between gel pockets are heat seals or sonic welds.